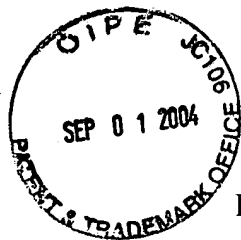


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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S COMMENTS

### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated May 27, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows: